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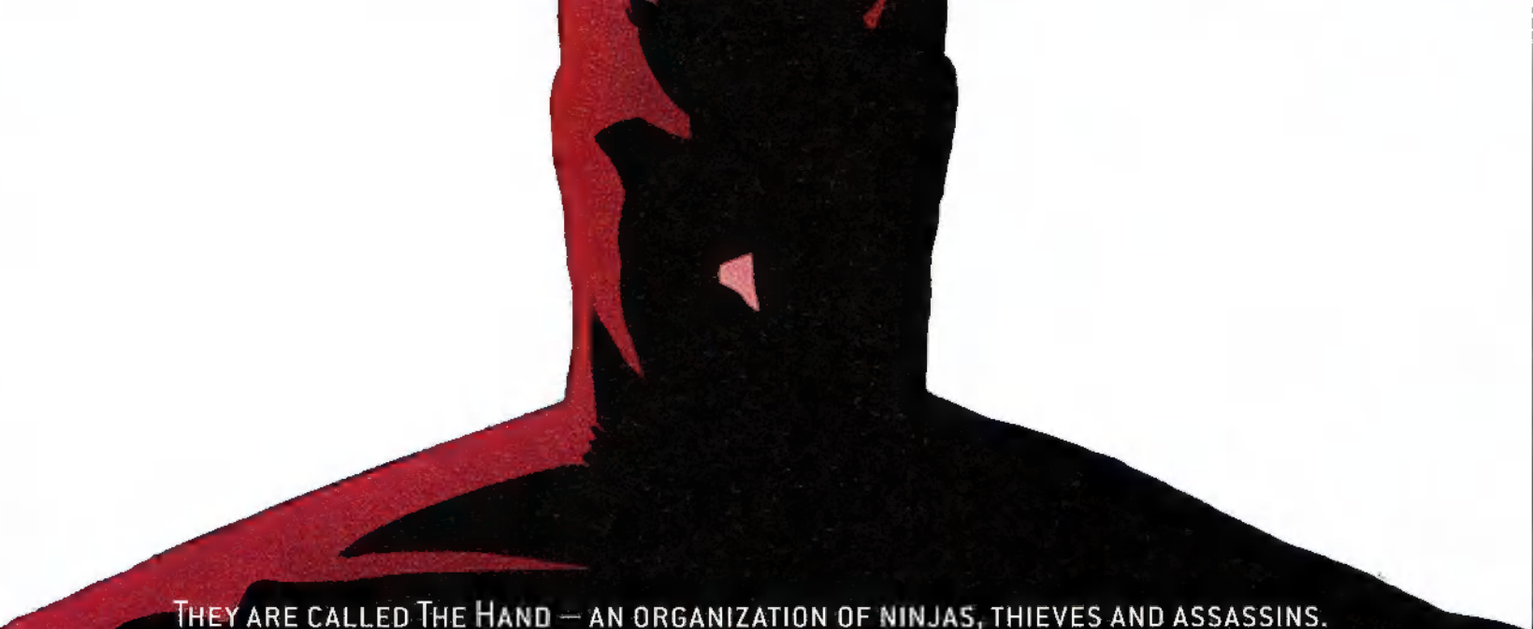
JIGOKU-CHU CASTLE, JAPAN
ANCIENT SANCTUM OF THE HAND
ALL IS IN READINESS.
MATT MURDOCK HAS RETURNED TO HIS SEAT OF POWER...
TO *SHADOWLAND*.
HE STANDS POISED AT THE THRESHOLD.
WE HAVE STEERED HIM DOWN THE PATH OF SHADOWS...
BUT WILL HE TAKE THAT FINAL STEP?
CAN YOU EVEN DOUBT IT, BROTHER?
PUSH HIM, AND HE WILL PUSH BACK *TENFOLD*.
HE CANNOT BE CORRUPTED FROM WITHOUT...
HE MUST DAMN *HIMSELF*.

AND THUS TRANSMUTED BY THE BLACK ALCHEMY OF THE SOUL...
...HE WHOM WE SERVE SHALL REIGN SUPREME!
THE AGE OF MAN SHALL END--
--AND NONE BE SPARED BUT SNAKEROOT!



THEY ARE CALLED THE HAND – AN ORGANIZATION OF NINJAS, THIEVES AND ASSASSINS. ORIGINALLY BANDING TOGETHER 800 YEARS AGO TO FIGHT OFF THE OPPRESSIVE SYSTEM OF FEUDAL JAPAN, THE HAND TURNED TO CORRUPTION AND DARKNESS WHEN THE MUTINOUS SNAKEROOT CLAN SEIZED POWER.

OVER THE YEARS, THEY'VE COME INTO CONFLICT WITH MANY SUPERHUMANS – SPIDER-MAN, THE AVENGERS AND THE X-MEN TO NAME A FEW – BUT NONE OF THEIR FEUDS COMPARED TO THEIR WAR WITH DAREDEVIL. MURDOCK'S TIES TO THE HAND RUN DEEP; HIS MENTOR, STICK, DIED TRYING TO DESTROY THE HAND, AND HIS FORMER LOVER, ELEKTRA, SERVED THE HAND AS AN ASSASSIN FOR MANY YEARS, NEARLY LOSING HER SOUL IN THE PROCESS.

SO WHEN THE HAND SOUGHT DAREDEVIL OUT TO BECOME THEIR NEW LEADER, HE WAS UNDERSTANDABLY CONFUSED. HE INITIALLY REJECTED THEIR OFFER, BUT EVENTUALLY CONSENTED, PLOTTING TO USE THE ORGANIZATION AS A FORCE FOR GOOD. WHEN HIS ARCH-ENEMY BULLSEYE DESTROYED A CITY BLOCK – AND KILLED 107 PEOPLE IN THE PROCESS – MURDOCK RESOLVED TO TURN THE HAND INTO AN ARMY OF PROTECTORS.

OVER THE ENSUING MONTHS, THEY'VE CONFRONTED CRIME AND CORRUPTION ON THE STREETS OF NEW YORK – WITH BRUTAL FORCE. AS DAREDEVIL'S POWER WITHIN THE GROUP HAS GROWN, SO HAS HIS WILLINGNESS TO PUSH THE LIMITS IN ORDER TO KEEP THE PEACE. HE SOUGHT TO CHANGE THE HAND BUT IT APPEARS THE HAND HAS CHANGED HIM.

MATT MURDOCK DARED EVIL AND LOST. NOW PREPARE TO ENTER...

SHADOWLAND

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NEW YORK AIRSPACE
RAFT TRAFFIC CONTROL, THIS IS PRISONER TRANSPORT WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT ON FINAL APPROACH.
ROGER THAT, TRANSPORT. YOU ARE CLEARED TO LAND IN BAY NINE.
LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, RAFT. THE SOONER WE OFF-LOAD THIS BULLSEYE LOSER...
...THE SOONER I CAN WASH THIS STINK OUT OF MY SHUTTLE.
HEY, IS THAT ANY WAY TO TALK ABOUT AN AVENGER?

FORMER AVENGER. NOW JUST ANOTHER NEW-MEAT CONVICT, AWAITING TRIAL FOR MASS MURDER AND TREASON.
JUST ANOTHER PSYCHO? OH NO. I'M ONE VERY SPECIAL PSYCHO...
...'CAUSE I KNOW SOMETHING YOU DON'T KNOW.
IS IT HOW TO MAKE YOU STOP TALKING?
Y'SEE, HE'S COMING BACK.
...WHO'S COMING BACK?
THE SENTRY.
NAME RINGS A BELL, HUH?
MY OLD AVENGERS BUDDY--TORE THROUGH ASGARD LIKE IT WAS MARSHMALLOW? RIPPED THE GOD OF WAR A NEW ONE...?
IF HE CAN DO THAT, WHAT DO YOU THINK HE'S GONNA DO TO THIS CITY WHEN HE COMES LOOKING FOR ME?

THAT'S SUCH BULL...
H-HOW DO WE--?
STOP HIM? YOU CAN'T. NOBODY CAN...
OH, PLEASE...
YOU MUST THINK WE FELL STRAIGHT OFF THE HAY TRUCK, TO FALL FOR A TRICK LIKE THAT.
OH GOD! YOU HEAR THAT...?
HE'S COMING! HE'S COMING FOR ME--!
...EXCEPT ME. I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD EVER CONTROL HIM. AND I'LL TELL YOU HOW...
...IF YOU LET ME GO.
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HGGK! GGGHHKKK--!
BIP BIP BIP BLEEEEE
MEDICAL EMERGENCY! CODE BLUE!
VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA!
HE'S GOING INTO CARDIAC ARREST!
GET HIM OUT OF THERE!
THE HELL...?
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ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? HE'S FAKING--!

LOOK AT THE READOUT! HE'S FLAT-LINING!
GRAB THE DEFIBRILLATOR--!
CLEAR--!
DZZAKK!
C'MON, C'MON...
UUUUUUHH...
THE SENTRY! TELL US HOW TO STOP THE SENTRY!
DZZAKK!
OH, I JUST MADE THAT UP.
SENTRY'S DEAD...
...SO, Y'KNOW, YOU HAVE THAT IN COMMON.
SUCKERS.

AUTOPILOT ENGAGED
HOW-- HOW THE HELL...?!
WHAT, YOU THINK I GOT *THIS* GOOD WITHOUT PICKING UP A FEW TRICKS ALONG THE WAY?
THE HEART'S JUST ANOTHER *MUSCLE*. IT CAN BE *CONTROLLED*.
BDAM!
SPANNGG!
AAAGH!

THANKS.
TINK
PLEASE STATE DESTINATION.
FOOTLOOSE AND FANCY-FREE IN THE BIG APPLE--ABOUT TIME!
LET'S SEE... I CAN FINALLY GO ANYWHERE I WANNA GO, DO ANYTHING I WANNA DO...
WHERE ELSE...?
WELL, WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT.
I GUESS IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY...

SHADOWLAND

...THE DEVIL DOES MAKE WORK FOR IDLE HANDS.

INWOOD--
MOON KNIGHT

BATTERY PARK--
SPIDER-MAN

THE HIGH LINE--
PUNISHER

I THINK WE'RE READY TO BEGIN.

MIDTOWN--
KINGPIN

YONDER FORTRESS STIRS IN ME AN ILL FORE-BODING...
THOR
HEAR ME WELL.
NO GOOD SHALL COME OF THIS.
AVENGERS TOWER
NO KIDDIN'. I DON'T LIKE IT.
WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE?
MATT'S SETTING HIMSELF UP AS JUDGE AND JURY. EXECUTIONER TOO, FOR ALL WE KNOW.
LIKE WE DON'T DO THAT EVERY DAY.
LUKE CAGE
IRON FIST
IRON MAN
DANNY HAS A POINT, LUKE. H.A.M.M.E.R.'S BEING DISABLED WHILE WE PICK UP THE SLACK.
DURING ANY PHASE TRANSITION THERE'S A PERIOD OF INSTABILITY...
A POWER VACUUM. AND IF OUR ENEMIES TRY TO EXPLOIT THAT, THERE COULD BE TROUBLE.
SERIOUS TROUBLE.
CAPTAIN AMERICA

IT MAY NOT BE PRETTY, BUT DAREDEVIL'S IVORY TOWER AT LEAST TELLS THE PEOPLE OF HELL'S KITCHEN THEIR HERO'S STILL WATCHING OVER THEM.
YEAH, WATCHIN' THEIR EVERY MOVE. BACKED UP BY A NINJA DEATH CULT.
AN' THIS DON'T SMELL LIKE CRAZY TO YOU?
IT'S...NOT THE OLD MATT MURDOCK WE KNEW, FOR SURE. BUT AFTER EVERYTHING HE'S BEEN THROUGH LATELY...
LOOK ME IN THE EYE AN' TELL ME YOU AIN'T WORRIED ABOUT THE GUY.
OKAY, YEAH. MAYBE A LITTLE.
I GUESS I'VE BEEN HEARING STUFF AT THE SOUP KITCHEN. RUMORS, Y'KNOW...
I JUST ASSUMED THERE WAS NOTHING TO IT, BUT--
WHAT KIND OF RUMORS?
DISAPPEARANCES.

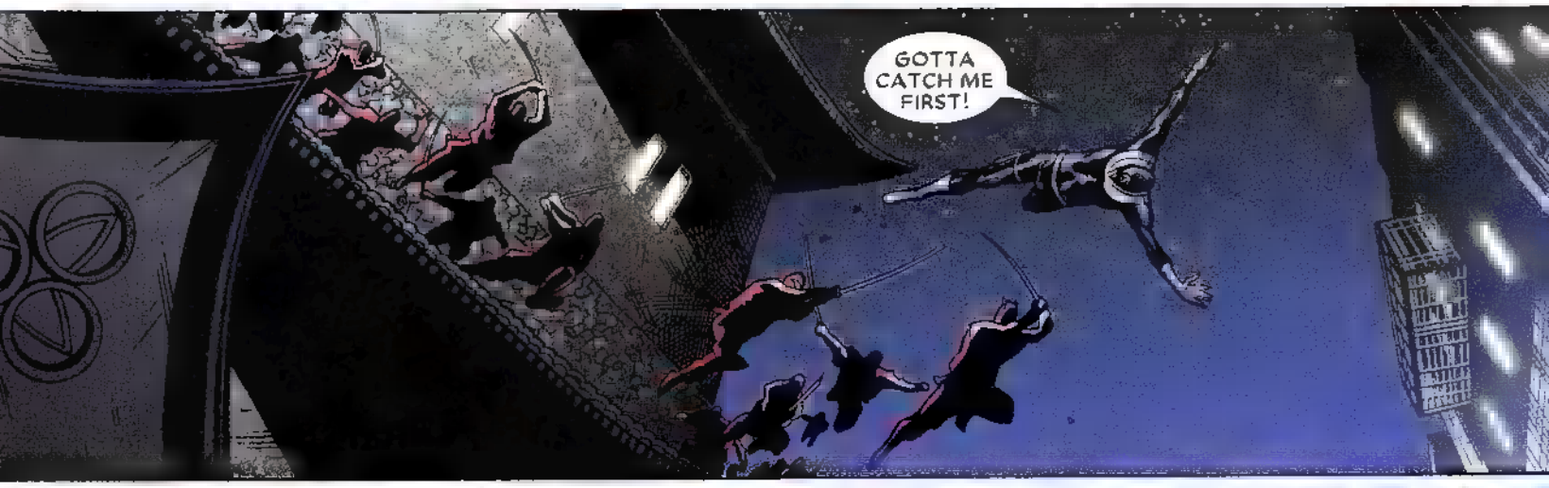
LUKE, DANNY-- YOU TWO KNOW MATT MURDOCK BETTER THAN ANY OF US.
TALK TO THE GUY. LET HIM KNOW WE'VE GOT HIS BACK...
JUST MAKE SURE HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS WHOLE SHADOWLAND THING IS STRICTLY TEMPORARY.
WHEN THE TIME COMES, IT COMES DOWN.
AND IF HE SAYS NO?
THAT WOULD BE...
...UNWISE.

SHADOWLAND
HHUKK
AHH, THAT'S BETTER. 'BOUT TIME I HAD A BLADE IN MY HAND AGAIN...
THAT HAWKEYE-BOW-AND-ARROW SCHTICK WAS GETTING STALE.
HEY, HORNHEAD! I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE!
WANNA DANCE? ONE-ON-ONE!
THE LAST TIME I AGREED TO FIGHT YOU ALONE, BULLSEYE...
...YOU MURDERED ONE HUNDRED AND SEVEN INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

I WON'T MAKE THAT MISTAKE AGAIN.

NICE *DUDS*. SO I BLOW UP ONE LITTLE TENEMENT BLOCK, YOU BUILD A *CASTLE* ON TOP OF IT...?
I'D SAY YOU'RE *OVER-COMPENSATING*.
CONSIDER IT A *MONUMENT* TO THOSE I FAILED TO SAVE...
A *SYMBOL* TO THE PEOPLE OF HELL'S KITCHEN THAT I WILL NEVER AGAIN ALLOW A *MONSTER* LIKE YOU TO THREATEN THEM.
OH, PLEASE-- SPARE ME THE OLD "*NEVER AGAIN*" SPEECH!
MAN, YOU NEVER LEARN, DO YOU...?
I'VE LEARNED. YOU TAUGHT ME.
TAUGHT ME THAT THE ONLY WAY TO *WIN*...
...IS WITHOUT *COMPROMISE*.
HA!
THERE'S A NEW FEELING-- ACTUALLY *AGREEING* WITH SOMETHING YOU SAID!
AND NOW I'M GONNA PUT YOU IN YOUR *GRAVE*, YOU SANCTIMONIOUS SCHMUCK.
AND THEN I'M GONNA KILL YOUR *WIFE*. AND YOUR *FRIENDS*. AND ALL YOUR LITTLE *NINJA BUDDIES*.
AND THEN...I DUNNO.
MAYBE A *SANDWICH*.

TAKE HIM!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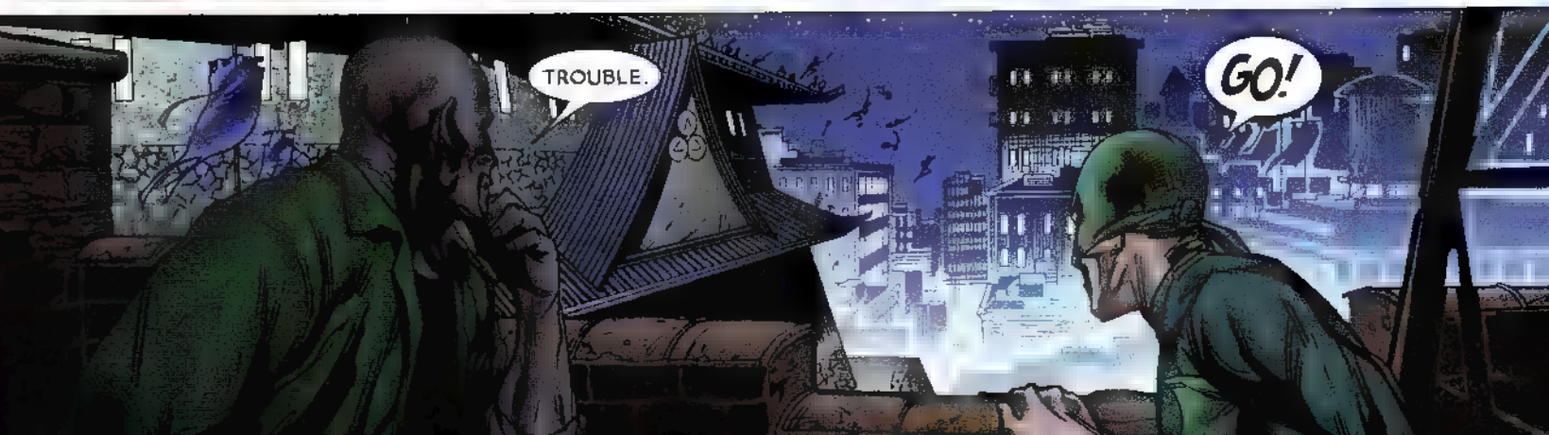

TROUBLE.
GO!

SO MUCH FOR HAVING A QUIET LITTLE CHAT...
YO, D! USE SOME BACKUP?
WILL YOU SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO THE HAND?
UH...
THAT WOULD BE A *NO*.
THEN STAY OUT OF MY WAY, AND LET ME *FINISH* THIS--
ONCE AND FOR ALL!
GUY'S ATTITUDE IS SERIOUSLY STARTING TO CHALLENGE MY COMPOSURE.

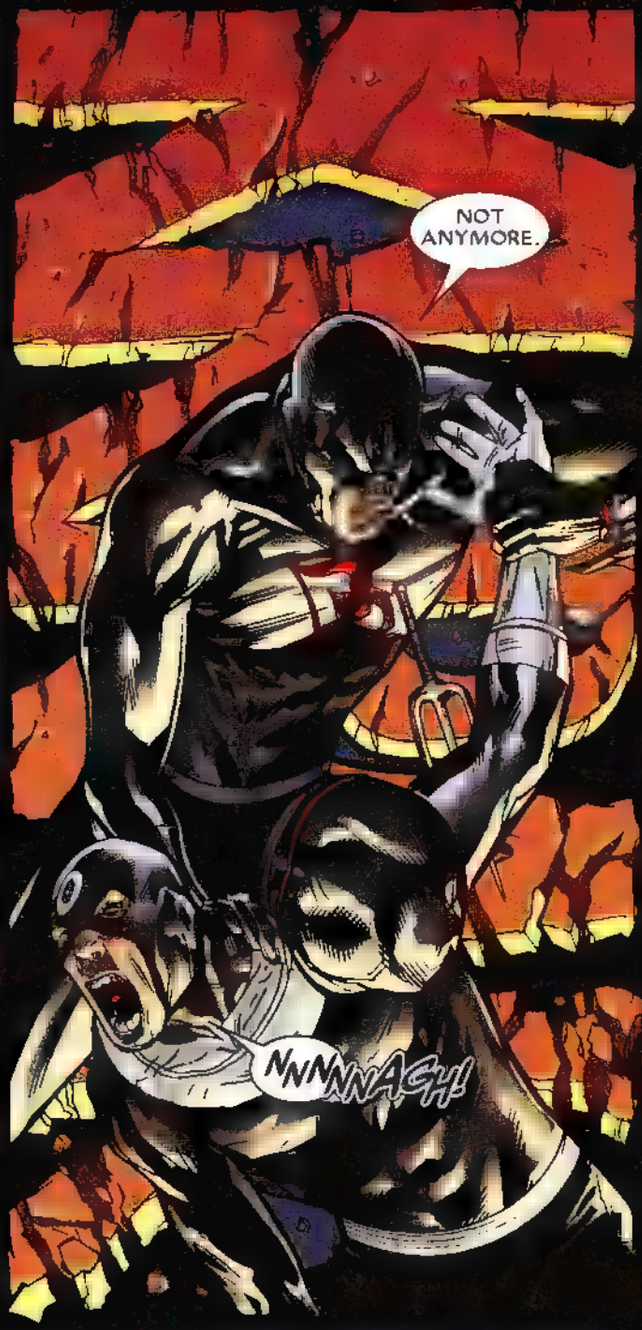
JAVITS CONVENTION CENTER
HAH! THIS'LL DO--PLENTY OF C.C.T.V. CAMERAS TO CATCH THE SPECIAL MOMENT...
JUST WATCH YOUR STEP, FELLAS--
AFTER ALL, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT PEOPLE IN GLASS HOUSES--!
SWASH
AAAAAAH!
EL
WHUD

AGH!
SERIOUSLY, THIS IS YOUR A-GAME? WHAT'S OL' HORNHEAD BEEN TEACHING YOU PEOPLE?
SHLIINNGG
GAAH!
AHH, YEAH...
IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK!
AAAGH!

WELL, THAT WAS... BRACING.
ANYONE FOR MORE?
JUST ME.
UNGHH!
AKKKRRAK

NOW THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!
YYyAAAaaAAH!
SKKASSHH
HAH--!
NAAAAAH--!

SON OF A--!
YOU DISLOCATED MY SHOULDER--!
BUT YOU'RE STILL JUST AS DEADLY WITH THE OTHER HAND, AREN'T YOU...?


NOT ANYMORE.
NNNNACH!

W-WAIT... TH-THIS AIN'T... AIN'T LIKE YOU...
Y-YOU WOULDN'T--

WE GOTTA SHUT THIS DOWN, LIKE NOW--
OH, MY GOD, HE'S GONNA--
NO NO NO NO

TO BE CONTINUED...

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CONTINUES!

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ON SALE 8/4

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AUGUST

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Shadowland: Daughters of the Shadow #1

Shadowland: Moon Knight #1

Shadowland: Power Man #1

SEPTEMBER

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Shadowland: Elektra #1

Shadowland: Ghost Rider #1

Shadowland: Moon Knight #2

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Thunderbolts #148

OCTOBER

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Shadowland: Moon Knight #3

Shadowland: Power Man #3

Shadowland: Spider-Man #1

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NOVEMBER

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Shadowland: Blood on the Streets #4

Shadowland: Power Man #4